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REF: A. SAIGON

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1. [] ASKED ME TO HANDLE REF A, WHICH ARRIVED SUNDAY

MORNING, ON HIS BEHALF. I HAVE SPENT MUCH OF THE PAST FEW HOURS

IN CONSULTATION WITH SULLIVAN AND OUR [] COLLEAGUES HERE.

REF C MAY STRIKE YOU AS NEGATIVE BUT BE ASSURED THAT REF B WAS

CAREFULLY CONSIDERED. REF C ACTUALLY REFLECTS A CONSIDERABLE

SOFTENING IN THE DEPARTMENT'S INITIAL ADAMANT REACTION OF "NO

COMMENT, PERIOD".

2. WE APPRECIATE, PERHAPS MORE THAN OUR DEPARTMENT COLLEAGUES,

THE SAIGON CLIMATE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF A BADGERING PRESS CORPS.

XEM THE CLIMATE HERE, HOWEVER, IS ALSO TRICKY AND CHANGEABLE. WITH

VANN TESTIFYING ON 18 FEBRUARY, A SELF INITIATED 16 FEBRUARY EMBASSY

PRESS CONFERENCE [] WOULD BE BADLY TIMED. WE WILL OBVIOUSLY

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NEED TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND ON THIS ISSUE AND KEEP EACH OTHER POSTED ON
EVENTS AS THEY UNFOLD, HERE AND THERE, DURING WHAT PROMISES TO BE A
BUSY WEEK.

END OF MESSAGE

COORDINATED WITH MR. KARAMESSINES, DDP. (TELECON)

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